

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Pulling Together #6 Moving Forward Together Sunday 28 July 2024

1. What impacted you most from the Sermon on Sunday?

Please read Hebrews 12.1-3

"We are Surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses/ supporters"

- 2. In addition to the people of faith mentioned in Hebrews 11, who are 'cloud of witnesses/ supporters' in your life who surround and encourage you to keep going in following Jesus?
- 3. Who do you encourage and 'cheer on' in following Jesus in the race of faith?

"let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles."

- 4. What are the common hindrances and entanglements that we need to throw off to enable us to run freely in the race of faith?
- 5. The Christian race of faith in following Jesus is not a sponsored fun run. Read also **Matthew 16.24-27**

Why will it be problematic for Christians if they underestimate the difficulty of the race and the obstacles they will face?

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

- 6. What motivated Jesus to keep going in the race marked out for Him?
- 7. Why is fixing our eyes on Jesus essential for us?

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..."

- 8. Please read **1 Corinthians 9.24-27**. How will we develop perseverance in running the race marked out for us?
- 9. Please read **Hebrews 10.25**. Who are your spiritual training partners and why do they matter? There is a common race for all believers to follow JESUS with faith and obedience. But there is also a distinct race marked out for each of us individuals / families / church families which is decided by God for us.
 - 10. What do you discern is the race marked out for you by God for this season of your life?

Don't Run on Ahead of the LORD - Exodus 33.15 Then Moses said to the LORD, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

Times of change are unsettling for many - some tend to feel paralysed and seek familiarity – others tend to kick into activism to fill the void, and want to drive ahead. Moses faced pressure from both at Mount Sinai.

11. What wisdom can our church learn from how Moses handled this time of change as he led the People of Israel?